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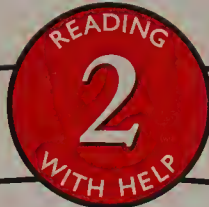
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The Lonely Dinosaur



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Chomper: A  
friendly young  
Sharptooth.



Spike: A strong,  
silent Spiketail.



Ducky: A kind,  
loyal Swimmer.



Littlefoot:  
Chomper's smart  
Longneck friend.



Chomper covers Spike's eyes with mud.

"Now find Ducky using only your sniffer," Chomper says.

Spike grunts. He sniffs the air and sets off on this game of hide-and-seek.





*Sniff, sniff!*

Spike follows his nose.

He finds a weed and some brambles.

Then he smells something else.

Could it be Ducky?





Spike wipes the mud from his eyes.

It falls on a foot.

But it's not Ducky's foot.

It belongs to grumpy Mr. Threehorn.

Chomper covers Spike's eyes again.

"Keep trying, Spike," he says.

*Sniff, sniff!* Spike tries again.

This time he finds Ducky!

"Way to go, Spike!" Chomper cries.





Later, Chomper sees the grown-ups  
setting out green food.

Today is the feast of  
the Time of Great Giving.

“What’s it all about?” Chomper asks.





“Our party is about sharing  
and not having to worry  
about Sharpteeth!” Tria tells him.  
Chomper frowns.  
He is a Sharptooth!



Chomper finds Littlefoot  
and his grandpa picking tree stars.  
“Sharpteeth used to keep us from  
eating tree stars,” Grandpa says.  
“We had to eat swamp sticks!”



“Yuck!” Littlefoot cries.  
Chomper feels confused.  
He is the only Sharptooth  
in the Great Valley.  
He does not eat green food.  
Does that make him too different?





Soon it is time for the feast.  
There is nothing for Chomper to eat!  
There is only green food.  
Chomper wonders if he belongs  
in the Great Valley after all.



“Maybe I should go back  
to the Mysterious Beyond,”  
he says to Ducky.  
The Mysterious Beyond is where  
all the other Sharpteeth live.



“No, no, no!” Ducky cries.

“You are a nice Sharptooth.

You taught Spike to use his sniffer.

You are a very good teacher,

Chomper!”





That gives Chomper an idea.

“Maybe I can teach other Sharpteeth  
how to be nice, too!

Thanks for the idea, Ducky!”



After the feast,  
everyone wonders where Chomper is.  
“He said something about  
teaching the Sharpteeth  
how to be friends,” Ducky says.





The others are worried.

“We’d better find him fast,”

Littlefoot says.

“We can sniff for him,” Ducky says.

“Chomper showed Spike how!”



*Sniff, sniff!*

Spike does what Chomper taught him.  
He leads the others into  
the Mysterious Beyond. . . .

Meanwhile Chomper is looking  
for other Sharpteeth.

He decides to rest in a cave.

Uh-oh!

Somebody is already in there!





Chomper sees three Sharpteeth.

“Maybe we can be friends,” he says.

But they don’t want to be friends.

They roar and chase him away.





Later Chomper sees more Sharpteeth.  
They are running away from Red Claw.  
“I’ll never be able to teach him  
to be nice!” Chomper tells himself.  
Red Claw is very, very mean!



Finally Chomper finds  
a Sharptooth his own age.

“Want to be friends?” Chomper asks.

He tries to teach  
the young Sharptooth to play catch.





The Sharptooth tries to bite him!

“Ouch!” Chomper says.

“We bite our food, not our friends!”

Just then he hears a loud roar.

“Uh-oh,” he says.



Two grown-up Sharpteeth see Chomper.  
They are angry and they chase him.  
He runs up a mountain to get away.  
“So much for making friends!”  
says Chomper.





He climbs up to an icy ledge where  
the Sharpteeth can't follow him.  
Suddenly he hears a loud crack.  
The ledge breaks off  
and Chomper slides down the hill!

*Sniff, sniff.*

Spike and the others  
are still searching for Chomper.

Ruby hears a faraway yell.

“Sounds like Chomper!” she says.



Chomper's friends find him  
in an icy gorge.

How can they get him out?

Spike knows!

He starts to eat the ice.







Soon Chomper can climb to safety.

“Let’s get out of here!” he says.

The kids slide down the mountain  
and hurry back to the Great Valley.



“You left the Time of Great Giving  
before we gave you your feast,”

Littlefoot tells Chomper.

The others show Chomper a feast  
of his favorite tasty bugs.





Now Chomper knows for sure  
that he belongs with his friends  
and not with the Sharpteeth.

“Yum. Thanks, everyone,” he says.

“Anyone want to share?”











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